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Project Name: Telespeech Therapy Program: Adults in NC
Recipient: University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Recipient Address: 1601 MHRA Building
1111 Spring Garden Street
Recipient City: Greensboro
Recipient State: NC
Recipient Zip: 27412

Amount of Request: \$346,775

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds):

The primary purpose of this project is to deliver effective and secure speech-language therapy services via the high speed internet to older adults in rural North Carolina. UNCG's Speech and Hearing Program serves people with communication disorders. Over the last year the Program has delivered need speech-language services through telespeech therapy to a rural school district in Washington County NC, funded in part by federal appropriations. They are requesting additional funding to expand telespeech therapy in order to reach older adults in rural NC. They will partner with rural healthcare facilities to provide telespeech therapy to acute and/or sub-acute patients with communication and swallowing difficulties. Currently there is a shortage of Speech Language Pathologists in many of North Carolina's rural areas. This project will result in cost savings for both patients and providers, will allow rural residents easier access to speech services and can be duplicated across NC and the country.

In order to offer more opportunity for public scrutiny, I have posted information on each project request submitted to the Appropriations Committee at the time the request was made.

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